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Donald Trump (above) is a real estate mogul and possible presidential candidate for 2016. —**Submitted photo**

Trump to visit

Real estate mogul Donald Trump to visit Wartburg College on April 29

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Donald Trump, a potential candidate for the 2016 presidential race, is coming to Wartburg College. On the morning of April 29, he will speak in Neumann Auditorium and address questions posed by Wartburg students.

"Having a big name like Donald Trump speaking on campus is exactly the kind of political engagement we need at Wartburg," Sean Lancaster, vice president of Wartburg College Republicans, said.

His visit is made possible by the Wartburg College Republicans and is the first event that the re-instated organization will hold.

"With his business success, TV experience, political involvement and many other endeavors, Mr. Trump is of interest to people from many different academic departments and student organizations," Lancaster said.

In order to get as many students involved in the event as possible, students are welcomed and encouraged to email questions for Trump to Zach Schulz, president of Wartburg College Republicans, at zach.schulz@wartburg.edu. A list of questions will be compiled and two members of the organization's executive team will interview Trump that Wednesday.

"We will try to ask the most poignant and diverse set of questions so that this is a meaningful experience for students here at Wartburg," Lancaster said.

Schulz said he hopes students take advantage of this unique opportunity and get engaged. It is not every day that Wartburg hosts such major influencers as Trump, he said.

"Regardless of a student's beliefs, we want to build a dialogue on campus that is inclusive and gets people excited about what is going on in the world," Schulz said.

He will be speaking about a wide range of issues, Molly Astarita, secretary of the Wartburg College Republicans, said. This includes both political and non-political topics.

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One student on campus has a personal connection with the politician. Emily Laudner's father works for Trump, Schulz said. Laudner asked Wartburg College Republicans if they would be interested in hosting an event on campus with Trump.

"From there, the executive team and I worked with Emily and Mr. Trump's staff to pick a day that worked best for everybody involved. We have been working since then to coordinate many other aspects of the visit such as logistics, venue choice and what type of event it would be," Schulz said.

According to an article from ABC News, Trump is "very strongly" considering a 2016 presidential bid. At the time of publication, Ted Cruz, a Republican, is the only major candidate to have announced a bid for presidency.

"Mr. Trump is a well-known and controversial name. However, he is also relevant to a wide range of people," Lancaster said.

"I hope this begins a real movement among students to get interested in the political discussions that are taking place around them."

Students can send questions for Donald Trump to Zach Schulz at zach.schulz@wartburg.edu.

Students question campus' sexual misconduct policies

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Some students are starting to wonder what is going to happen now that they have taken Haven, the online sexual misconduct course, Director of Campus Programming Ashley Lang said.

"The positive feedback is that we're doing something," Lang said. "It's more of, 'What else are we going to be doing beyond just handing us this online module and telling us we need to complete this?'"

There will be other trainings besides the online component according to Jamie Hollaway, Title IX coordinator. These could include bystander intervention trainings or Mentor in Violence trainings.

There will be no further trainings this semester or May Term, Lang said.

"We wanted to make sure people who facilitate these programs are fully trained and comfortable with these types of conversations," she said.

Dean Brian Ernsting said more training for faculty will also take place in the fall.

"This is the beginning of ongoing training and awareness efforts related to Title IX, and the next follow-up training will be carried out at the fall faculty conference," he said.

The timeline was something she knew students struggled with, Lang said. However, she was impressed by how many students did take the time to register for the training and get educated.

Lang said 1,358 students out of 1,548 enrolled in the course. Of those who enrolled, 45 started it but did not complete it. If students did not complete the program, they were not able to sign up for classes. However, once students finished the program, the hold on their registration was removed.

Sheree Covert, registrar, said some students came into the office before registration started in order to ensure they would be able to sign up without complications.

"We did have some students come in here and when we told them, 'Well, you do have a Student Life hold,' … they go, 'Oh, so they were actually serious about that!'" Covert said.

"To be honest with you, I was concerned when we had the directive of saying, 'You have to put this hold on their registration,'" she said. However, she said relatively few students had the hold for registration placed.

Ernsting said 100 percent of faculty, including adjuncts, completed their online training. Their training covered issues related to reporting and included a quiz that documented understanding for each faculty member.

While this was a chance for students and faculty to get their questions answered about Wartburg's stance on sexual misconduct, Covert said she thinks many questions have instead been raised.

She added the trainings did not specifically state what Wartburg was initiating in terms of response to the federal government's compliance.

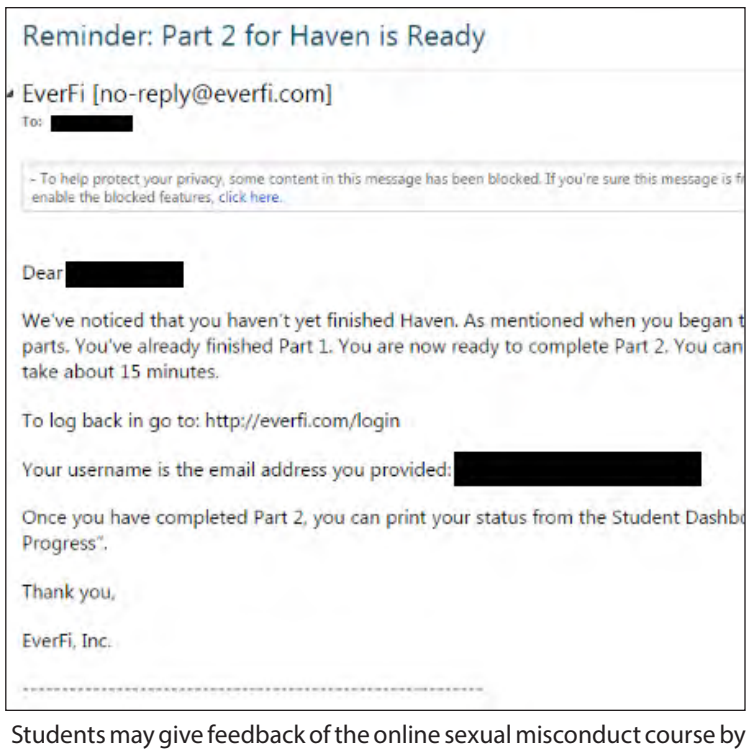
"In the rush to just get the checks off the compliance we [as an institution] didn't do our due diligence in actually getting the information out there," Covert said.

The trainings will most likely change over time as the college updates policies and as federal guidelines evolve, Hollaway said.

"Right now our trainings did have all that in there that needs to be required. Will those trainings look different in the future? Probably," she said.

If students are still waiting to take the course, the sooner the better, Lang said.

She hopes it will continue to spark more conversations and awareness.



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Students may give feedback of the online sexual misconduct course by answering questions in part two of Haven. —**Submitted photo**

Lighting it up blue

—**Submitted graphic**

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National Light It Up Blue Day is important because a lot of society doesn't understand autism, Becky Jennings, head of the subcommittee for Wartburg's music therapy association, said.

This week the music therapy department will be hosting Enlightenment Week and will feature a number of different events every day.

"It's important to have these kind of days to help bring acceptance and awareness of autism to our community and to our campus," Jennings said.

Events being hosted throughout the week include speakers, tabling in the student center and an enlightenment ceremony at the end of the week.

One of the events of the week brings to campus an individual who is on the autism spectrum.

"She is going to share her journey about how she discovered she was on the spectrum and how she continues to thrive through the community," Jennings said.

A Tuesday speaker will talk about her experiences raising two children who are on the spectrum.

Another event students can participate in is visiting the table in the student center.

Jennings said she wants all students to come and write down how they enlighten the college campus and community about autism. She added that students' comments will be displayed in the display box outside the Wartburg Store.

Rounding out the week is the Enlightenment ceremony which will be held in the Fine Arts Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Jennings said during the ceremony, the committee is going to speak about their own enlightenments, share a few poems and light up the campus blue.

She added that while national Light It Up Blue Day is on Thursday, the event will take place on Wednesday due to break.

On Thursday, there will be a wrap-up at a table in the student center. Jennings said she hopes this week helps the student body grow in their education and knowledge about autism.

"I want them to realize how prevalent it is. Sometimes people know about autism, but don't know how prevalent it is around them," Jennings said. "There are a lot of individuals who are on the spectrum or have a sibling or family member with autism."

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The Green Bridge (above) was closed in February following an inspection which found the trusses of the bridge in need of repair. When open, the bridge connected the two sides of the city. —**Submitted photo**

Saving the Green Bridge

Wartburg student starts petition to preserve historic bridge

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Wartburg student Megan Buhrow is working to save a piece of Waverly's history: the Green Bridge.

The bridge, which was built in 1917, was closed in February after a bridge inspector found the green trusses had deteriorated to a point it could cause a safety risk.

"I think it should be saved primarily because it is historical, and there is also this emotional tie for many within the community to that bridge," Buhrow said.

"A lot of people have cherished memories on that bridge or around that bridge."

When Buhrow learned the bridge had been shut down, she created a Facebook page and a petition calling for the repair of the community icon.

"Currently I am just trying to raise awareness," Buhrow said.

"There are almost 2,000 likes on [the Facebook page], so that is awesome. But there is also a petition site that is linked to that."

At the time of publication, the petition to save the Green Bridge had over 1,000 signatures.

The Waverly City Council has recently approved $30,000 to pay for an engineering study on how to fix the Green Bridge.

"We've definitely raised a lot of awareness, which is wonderful. But after that...Once we get that inspection report back, I'll keep bugging the council and trying to figure out what we can do and what actions need to be taken as far as fundraising, things like that, to get the funds to repair that bridge," Buhrow said.

Serving the community for 98 years, the bridge has become a topic of concern in the past five as the community began to notice its deterioration.

In 2003, the Waverly City Council was faced with the possibility of the bridge closing, but it remained open due to a huge wave of community support.

A Waverly native, Buhrow spent a lot of time driving over the bridge from one side of town to the other.

"It was out of inconvenience; it was difficult to get to and from each side of town. But then I kind of started doing research and finding out more about its history and that is kind of where I got really passionate about saving it," she explained.

Burhow is not the only Wartburg student to take an interest in the preservation of the Green Bridge.

Student Lauren Matysik, while not originally from Waverly, said she has pleasant memories of the bridge and doesn't want to see it destroyed.

"I also like to consider myself an artistic person who really values touches of expression, and I feel like the Green Bridge is one of those things," Matysik said.

"I feel like people should care about the bridge because it's something that makes Waverly different and special."

Matysik said she also carries great concern that historical structures often are overturned in place of progress.

"I understand there are a lot of issues with the bridge and to keep it around might not be practical, but maybe that should be a sign to the city that they need to work on the upkeep of things like the bridge over time to keep them a special part of the community," she said.

Buhrow said students should care about the bridge because though they may just live at Wartburg, they are still a part of the Waverly community.

"We all get to spend a wonderful four years here and so I think we all need to take a step and get involved in our community," she said.

Students can like the "Save the Green Bridge" Facebook page and also find the link on that page to sign the online petition.

The Green Bridge, also know as the Third Street SE bridge, goes over the Cedar River along Brookwood Park. —**Submitted photo**

Student receives Clinton Grant

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Kwabena Owusu-Amoah and his team recently won the Clinton Foundation Resolution Grant for their app, OBaa 2.0.

"OBaa is a software, so it is basically a mobile application, that allows health officers in rural areas to collect vital signs and health information and you put it in the app," Owusu-Amoah said.

"The addition to our software is that it doesn't always collect data, but it tells the local health officer if the mother has any complications."

He added that once the application detects a complication, the local officer is then able to forward the information to a doctor.

After the doctor receives the information, he or she can send a diagnosis and prescription back through the application.

OBaa 2.0 is available specifically in Ghana, Owusu-Amoah's home country.

OBaa Plus and OBaa Prime are available in the United States.

"OBaa Plus connects mothers to lactation consultants and obstetricians on demand here in the U.S. With OBaa Prime, we use Google Glass to connect a primary provider to a specialist on demand," Owusu-Amoah said.

Owusu-Amoah and his team have been working on the Ghana product since April 2014, and they have been working on the U.S. product since last December.

According to Owusu-Amoah, the team is comprised of many talented developers including Sibusiso Charles Kunene, Wartburg alumnus Patrick Triest, Lea Marolt from Grinnell College and Rahul Kulkarni from MIT.

Owusu-Amoah said his idea for OBaa came from his experience working with his mother in their home country.

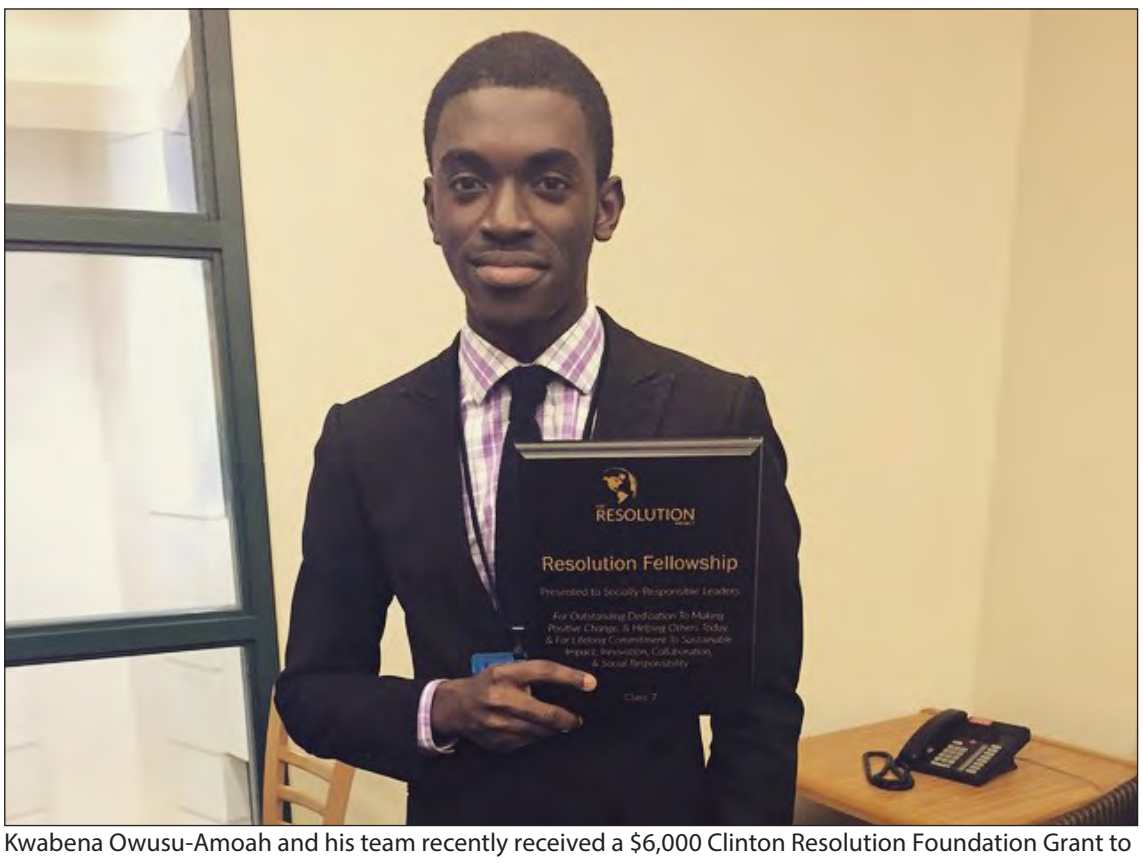
"My mom works with the World Health Organization, which is a chapter of the United Nations," Owusu-Amoah said.

"I had the opportunity to work with her in the field, so we worked on a couple maternal health projects.

"I realized that we could really do things a lot better if we had some technology, especially with remote care."

This was the first time Owusu-Amoah and his team received the $6,000 Clinton Resolution Foundation Grant.

"It is actually a fellowship, so it comes with the grant, some mentorship, the connections and everything of the sort," Owusu-Amoah said.



Kwabena Owusu-Amoah and his team recently received a $6,000 Clinton Resolution Foundation Grant to help fund the work and technology on their new health app, OBaa 2.0. —**Submitted photo**

"We have received grants from other foundations, from MIT, the Davis Project and the J.W. Sacks Foundation, but this is the first time we are getting this grant from the Clinton Foundation so we are quite excited about it."

Owusu-Amoah said the team has an aggressive expansion plan for OBaa.

"With the recent grant, we are actually going to expand the use of the application. We are going to build a new data center to be able to hold more information," Owusu-Amoah said.

"We estimate that we will be able to serve up to 500 women with the new grant."

Wartburg welcomes "e-waste"

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Containers at Wartburg which used to collect waste such as chip bags and candy wrappers are now being used to collect electronic waste, or "e-waste." Effective now, students may deposit their e-waste in any of the receptacles around campus.

"Most electronics have some sort of either recycling or repurposing program," Eco-Rep Zach Stanley said.

"That's what the e-waste program is all about: trying to make use of that technology after people are done with them."

Stanley said students often throw away their e-waste either because they do not realize it can be recycled or because they do not know where to take it.

He said he hopes students make use of this program since it is so convenient.

Items such as cell phones, power cords and computer mice can be recycled.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.wartburg.edu/sustainability/electronic.pdf.

"Electronic waste is one of those things we see people throw away a lot because they don't really know what to do with it," Anne Duncan, Wartburg's environmental sustainability coordinator, said. "We have a really good partner who accepts it without cost to the college. They dismantle it and sell it."

It can be difficult for students to recycle their electronics sometimes, Sarah Kielly said.

Items such as used phones and old CDs may be deposited in specified waste containers on campus. —**Jessica Grant**/*Trumpet*

She added the containers on campus allow students a convenient way to get rid of their e-waste while also helping the environment.

"I think it's a really good idea that we switch to e-waste collection because a lot of college students don't have the resources to recycle their ink cartridges or computers or TVs," she said.

Previously, the containers were used to collect food wrappers for the TerraCycle program.

The items collected could be converted into new products such as picture frames, backpacks or even park benches.

TerraCycle is no longer operating in the Waverly community because Waverly-Shell Rock High School stopped coordinating it.

Duncan said several corporate sponsors for TerraCycle pulled their sponsorship, which made it no longer worth the time and effort for them to collect the items.

The Sustainability Office discussed coordinating the TerraCycle collection, but decided it was not feasible due to the amount of labor that would be involved.

In addition, Duncan said it needed to be a Waverly community effort and not just, "a Wartburg thing."

TerraCycle was established in Waverly for about four years, Duncan said.

"It wasn't that popular of a program and no student groups were willing to take charge of that leadership role," Stanley said.

"We replaced it with the e-waste program. There are a lot of electronics that people just throw away and so much of it is reusable or at least able to be recycled. I think it just makes sense to reuse it for a better purpose."

Vehicle registration opens

PRESS RELEASE

Vehicle registration for the 2015-16 academic year opened last week.

Students can sign up through InfoCenter by June 24 to reserve a parking spot. (Click "Parking & Safety" then "Parking Registration.")

Lot assignment is based on seniority.

Off-campus commuters, regardless of where they will be living, also need to register their vehicle.

Vehicles registered after the deadline usually are assigned to D Lot, as the other lots are already full.

For the first time, returning students registering a vehicle after the deadline will be charged a $25 fee.

John Myers, director of Campus Security, said late signup has become more of a problem in recent years.

On-time registration by returning students was so low this academic year that many first-year students received spots in N Lot.

"It's a simple process, but fewer students have been registering on time," Myers said.

"This creates friction when third- and fourth-years come in to register in the fall and find out they are relegated to D Lot."

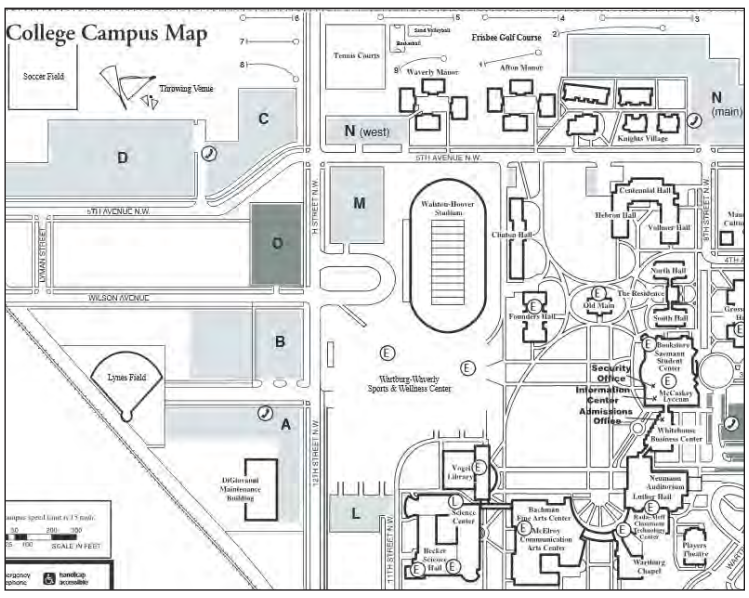
Registration costs between $85 and $225, depending on the lot, for vehicles on campus and $25 for commuter vehicles.

Students are not charged for keeping a vehicle on campus while studying abroad or at Wartburg West.

"It only takes a few minutes to register," Myers said.

"Even those unsure if they are bringing a vehicle this fall should register one just in case, because the registration fee is fully refundable."

For more information, contact Campus Security at campus.security@wartburg.edu or 352-8372.



Students registering can request D, C, B or N lot. —**Submitted photo**

Choice Tweets

- Nothing says college more than people sleeping in the halls. #tootiredforthis
- If you think my room is a mess, you should see my life. #allovertheplace
- No good food in the Mensa? Grab a plate of fries and some ice cream. #problemsolved
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- What do I wish for every time? Happiness. #hopefullysomeday
- When you have to set an alarm for Saturday. #suchsadness
- This is winter...without the snow. #toocold #iwantspring
- Atta way, Knights! You softball girls rock my world! #keeponsweepin'
- I want pizza. Preferrably breakfast pizza. #thegoods
- Hypocrites are my least favorite kind of people. #staypositive
- Little Rascals. #bestmovieever
- If you like her, just show a little interest. #shemightpickitup
- When the person you like, likes someone else. Ouch. It's like taking candy from a kid. #painful
- Soon it will all be over. #takeitallin
- Not really sure if it's all worth it. #secondthoughts

Green Tip: The little things add up

Courtesy of the Eco-Reps

A small action may seem insignificant on its own, but when that action is combined with others like it, it can create a powerful force. As students and as citizens of the world, we can choose to use these actions to change the world for the better. The following are just some ways in which small actions can add up to make big differences.

• A water faucet leaking one drop per second will add up to 165 gallons a month. That's more than the average person uses in two weeks.

• Americans consume an average of 2,200 napkins every year, which is the equivalent of more than six napkins per day. Cutting this number to a more reasonable two per day will result in only 730 napkins used.

• Idling your car for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine. By shutting off your engine when not in use, you have the potential to save a large amount of money and fuel.

• More than $13 billion worth of energy is lost through poor insulation yearly. That equals more than $150 per family.

• The average college student produces 640 pounds of solid waste each year, half of which is paper. Each individual assignment, snack or other product adds up. You have the ability to reduce your usage and recycle what you cannot reduce.

• One recycled bottle saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for four hours. You could power a laptop for two days with the energy saved by recycling two aluminum cans. If every Wartburg student recycled their bottles and cans instead of throwing them away, we could power Waverly.

• 133 square miles of foil are used for Hershey's Kisses every day. This is enough to cover Iowa in only 14 months. Try to remember to recycle the foil instead of throwing it away.

Enjoy free food while learning about sustainability! All students are welcome to an Eco-Reps meeting to be held in Old Main 10 (ground floor) on Thursday, April 2, at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing some exciting new opportunities and will bring food for all who come. Email zachary.stanley@wartburg.edu to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Geocaching: Nature's unique scavenger hunt

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All around town there are hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

I am not referring to your favorite restaurant or clothing store. These treasures are called geocaches.

Geocaching is a worldwide pastime often described as using million-dollar technology to find Tupperware in the woods.

When Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) signals were made available to the public in 2000, a fellow named Dave Ulmer hid a box in the Oregon woods and issued a challenge on the Internet for others to find the stash based only on its latitude and longitude.

Soon these containers were being hidden all over the world, and the activity of geocaching was born.

Anyone can hide a geocache container with permission from the landowner.

The cache owner will place the container and record the GPS coordinates. It should be hidden well enough that simple passers-by (called muggles) won't find the cache.

If the container is large enough it can hold prizes or trinkets, but at a minimum it must contain a log book.

The coordinates to the cache are then published on www.geocaching.com for anyone else to find.

Geocachers will soon come and try to find the cache; when they find the cache they sign the log book as proof. They are allowed to take a trinket from the cache, but they must bring something to trade so the next person will also have a prize.

When done, they replace the cache for the next hider and report their find on the geocaching website, so the owner can know that someone has found the cache.

There are currently over 2.5 million geocaches hidden worldwide, including geocaches on every continent, as well as the international space station.

There are more than 50 geocaches hidden in Waverly, including a number hidden on Wartburg property. There are caches hidden in Cedar Bend Park, along the Waverly Rail Trail, in the Babcock Woods and even one in the Waverly Public Library.

Dr. Brian Birgen shows one of his geocaches he discovered during one of his hunts. **—Submitted photo**

Whenever I travel, I use geocaching as an opportunity to explore the town.

When I attend out of town conferences, I spend an hour most mornings walking around town geocaching, which helps me learn my way around the area.

In 2013, I introduced the Biloxi, Miss., service trip to geocaching and did the same on my 2009 May Term trip to Germany.

Most anywhere you go in the world today there will be treasures waiting for you to find if you just know where to look.

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Students experiencing MCAT stresses

Pre-medical students prepare to take Medical College Admissions Test

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Pre-medical students prepare for their future by taking the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

This exam is one of the key factors needed for students majoring in pre-medicine and, therefore, the most important, Dr. Ed Westen, professor of biology, said. The test is required for students to be admitted to any medical school.

"It [MCAT] certainly won't get you in by itself, but it will rule you out," Westen said.

"If you have a sufficiently low MCAT score, then you simply won't get in [medical school]."

Third-year students have been preparing for this test since they started their education at Wartburg, Dr. Stephanie Toering-Peters, associate professor of biology, said.

"The best preparation for students is to do well in their courses from the start of their first year at Wartburg," Toering-Peters said.

"Wartburg coordinates a MCAT prep course that students generally take in their third year. It meets weekly from September through the end of March."

Logan Goetzinger, a student preparing for the MCAT in June, said he studies every day for this test. Goetzinger said he doesn't find the content of the test to be the most stressful part.

"For me, the most stressful part about this test is not the material, but being able to balance the courses I am taking now while also finding time to study for the MCAT," Goetzinger said.

"The Wartburg faculty prepare us very well for this test and as long as you have retained the information from each of the recommended courses, the material shouldn't be a huge issue. The issue is finding time to review while also studying for the classes you are in now."

The MCAT prep course has been offered at Wartburg for 10 years and invites students to learn from multiple faculty members from multiple disciplines, Toering-Peters said.

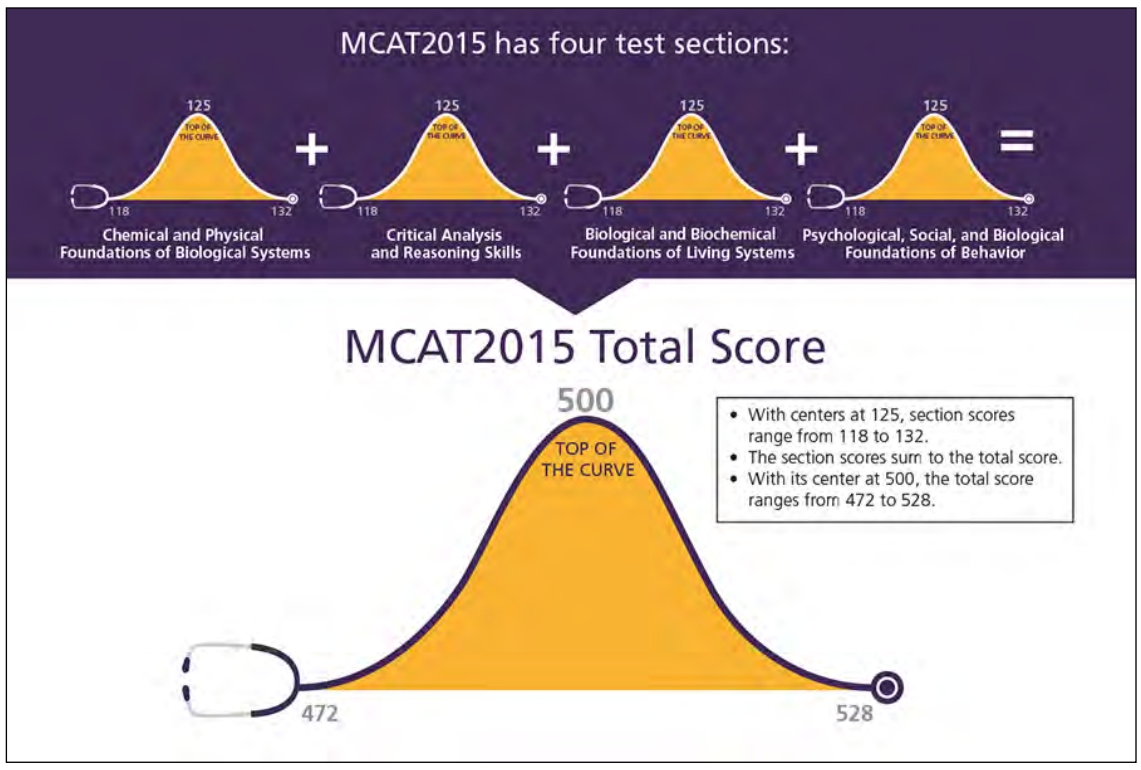
Students are expected to study on their own outside of the preparation course, Toering-Peters said.

"This year is particularly challenging for students because the MCAT has a new format and new content," she said. "There are fewer resources available for students to prepare, which adds to the uncertainty and anxiety surrounding the test."

The MCAT changed the scoring system this year, which makes students a little more worried about their score, Toering-Peters said.

Prior to 2015, a person taking the MCAT received a score ranging from 3-45, Westen said. He said a student looking to gain acceptance into medical school should earn a score higher than 26.

"I think the lowest score I've seen someone get accepted in the University of Iowa with is a 26," Westen said. "And maybe a 24 with someone at Des Moines."



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These scores will now mean nothing to the students preparing for this upcoming exam because of the change in the scoring system. Students taking the exam will be scored out of 528.

The test is divided in four parts, each with a maximum score of 132.

Ben Kreitlow, a student taking the MCAT in April, said he has been studying for his exam since June of 2014.

Despite the new scoring system, Kreitlow said he is not stressed most about the score, but rather the length of the test.

"I'm worried mostly about being able to stay awake for seven hours and take one exam," Kreitlow said.

"The new change to the scoring system doesn't matter to me. Five hundred and twenty eight seems really intimidating, but when you actually look at it, it's not that big of a difference from the previous system."

Wartburg has had a high acceptance rate of students being admitted into medical school, Westen said.

He credits this high rate to the method that he uses to prepare students for taking this stressful examination.

"We talk about [stress] throughout the year, and generally, I enhance their stress until very near the test," Westen said.

"Under the heading of pre-medical students sometimes being a self-selecting population, they often have a history of success and that history of success can occasionally lead them into a false sense of security that could lead them to a lower score than expected."

The March Madness craze continues

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As the Division I National Men's Basketball Tournament plays out, numerous people participate in their own competition by filling out a March Madness bracket.

According to espn.go.com, approximately 11.57 million brackets were entered into this year's ESPN Tournament Challenge. However, after the first day of the tournament, only 273 perfect brackets remained.

Clay Cook, a Wartburg men's basketball player, has filled out a March Madness bracket ever since he was in fifth grade and chose to fill out another one this year.

Cook isn't too impressed with his results this early in the tournament, but all of his final four teams are still alive in the tournament.

"It [my bracket] is off to a rocky start," Cook said.

Megan Murphy, a Wartburg women's basketball player, also filled out a bracket for this year's tournament.

She is somewhat impressed with her bracket.

"There is so much madness happening in such a short period of time. I don't know how you can't get into it."

—Clay Cook

"Compared to other people's mine isn't bad," Murphy said. "It is not as great as I thought it was going to be."

Cook said Wisconsin is one of the teams who could contend and beat Kentucky during the tournament.

"I didn't want to pick Kentucky to win," Cook said.

"I wanted to be different. I thought Wisconsin matched up with Kentucky the best out of everyone in the country to possibly beat them."

Murphy picked two teams to win from her two different brackets: Arizona and Kentucky.

"I couldn't decide," Murphy said. "So I made two brackets."

Both Cook and Murphy agreed the first day was unusual with numerous upsets and close games playing out.

"There was a lot of teams winning that were not expected to win," Murphy said.

Upsets were the name of the game during the first day of the tournament, which is Murphy's favorite part.

"I love upsets," Murphy said.

"I know it messes up brackets, but I just love watching the 'Cinderella' team go through the tournament. It makes it interesting."

Murphy and Cook both thought the biggest upset was University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) beating Iowa State, 60-59.

"That pretty much busted a lot of people's brackets around here," Cook said.

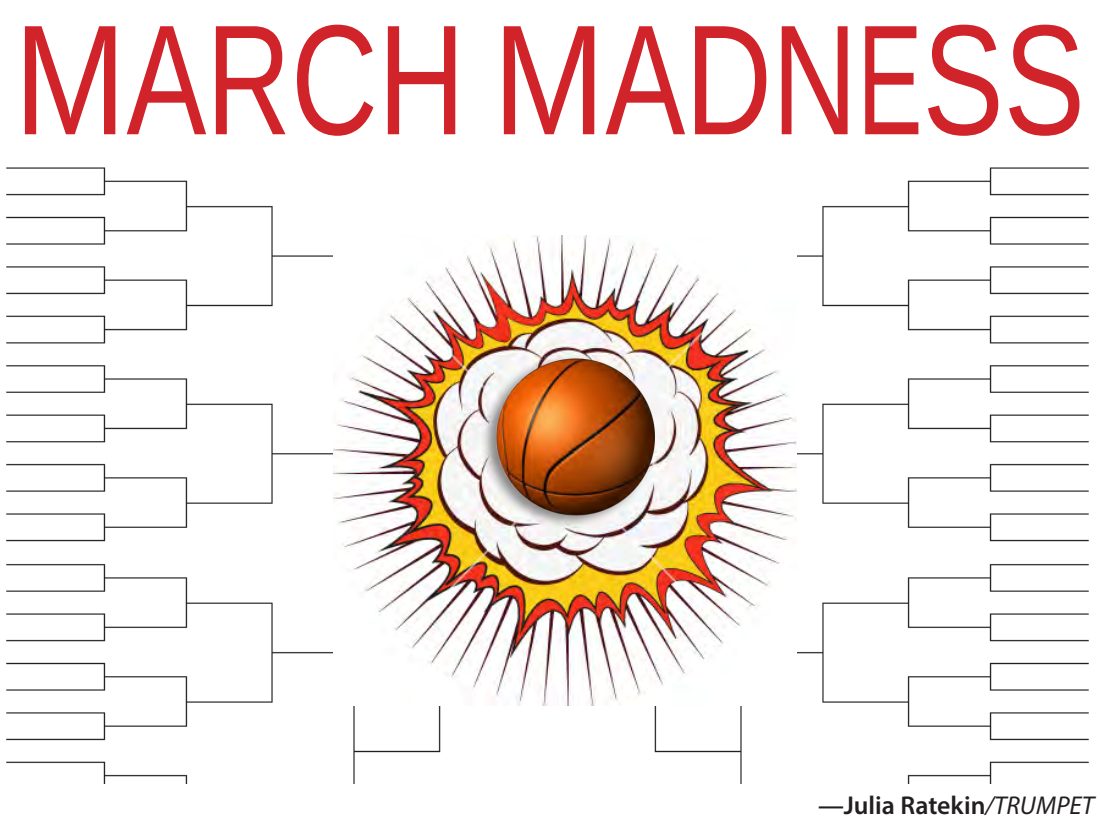
"A lot of Iowa State fans had Iowa State going pretty far."

Murphy did not enter her bracket into any formal competitions, other than with her friends and family. Cook, on the other hand, entered his bracket into two competitions with CBS and a private ESPN group.

"I watched more games than paying attention in class," Cook said. "There is so much madness happening in such a short period of time. I don't know how you can't get into it."

Murphy and Cook both agreed that March Madness is the best time of the year, especially for fans of college basketball.

"How can you not love this time of year?" Cook said.



—Julia Ratekin*/TRUMPET*

Mentoring program new for fall

IgKnight mentoring combines CAP and CAP+ programs for further growth

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A new program on campus has been created and is set to kick off next fall. IgKnight mentoring is a peer-mentoring program that will be largely publicized to incoming freshmen.

The two College Achievement Programs, CAP and CAP+, have been combined to create one mentoring program to help students wherever they are in their Wartburg experience.

TJ Warren, Pathways Center associate for Vocation and Mentoring, said this program focuses more on fostering the growth of relationships between individuals, instead of just on the success of first-year students.

Although it is being targeted toward first-years, the program is open to anyone.

"A majority of the participants will be first-year students, as the first year of college is a huge time for growth, but all students are welcome to participate anytime throughout a given year," Warren said.

The two programs, CAP and CAP+, were combined because they were essentially the same in nature but focused on two different populations of students.

After doing research and conversing with mentoring experts outside of Wartburg, Warren felt the best decision would be to combine the programs.

Although there are many programs on campus that offer assistance to students, such as the WRSL and SI sessions, this program will be unique.

Those alternate programs are much more concentrated, according to Warren, and igKnight mentors will focus on whatever the student wishes to accomplish.

"I would argue that all of the students working within these roles [of alternate programs] are mentors; however their assistance is much more concentrated. IgKnight mentors literally meet students where they are at," Warren explained.

"Partnerships meet on a bi-weekly basis at a time that is convenient for them and that focuses on what the mentee may wish to accomplish, whether it be study skills or working on relationships with their roommate."

As far as naming the program, Warren said there were multiple reasons for choosing "igKnight."

"One, we feel that mentoring is an opportunity to 'ignite' and spark the potential in others. Two, since Wartburg's mascot is the knights, we simply put a play on words replacing 'nite' with 'Knight,'" he said.

Warren said there are a few specific goals they wish to achieve.

"By the end of the igKnight mentoring program, participants who completed the program will be able to construct their own personal SMART goals and a plan to achieve them," Warren said.

Another goal is for the participants who complete the program to be able to learn components of Wartburg's hidden curriculum and be able to identify what makes a student here successful.

The creators of igKnight also hope participants will be able to identify the four pillars of Wartburg's mission statement as well as be able to interpret what those mean in regards to the individual's experience.

Their final goal is for the participants to be able to explain the impact mentoring can have on others as well as their community.

The program is currently looking for second, third, and fourth-year students that are in good academic standing and want to make a difference in someone's life by being a mentor.

Warren said being a mentor is not a huge time commitment and it can truly benefit both the mentor and the mentee.

To apply, students can contact Warren at torrence.warren@wartburg.edu. Applications are due by April 2.

If students wish to be mentored, they can also contact Warren at his email address.

Eventually they plan to have their igKnight mentoring website up and running where students will be able to fill out a form to become either a mentor or mentee.

—Submitted graphic

Students travel over break

Tour Week trips offer service in different states by feeding the homeless, improving housing and educating children

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Six service trips will be taking place over Tour Week this year, which is April 19 to April 26.

Each trip has a different focus, from homelessness to community building. A total of 44 students, leaders and advisers will be traveling on Tour Week.

One group will be focusing on homelessness and poverty by traveling to Los Angeles, Calif.

Co-leader for the group, Jennifer Kuennen, is looking forward to the experience of the trip.

"I am looking forward to the whole trip. I think it will be a very eye-opening experience filled with diversity, education, love, faith and most importantly growth, individually and as a group/community," she said.

They will be working with the Center for Student Missions (CSM) to reach out to the homeless in the Skid Row community. They also plan to be involved in prayer and group talks within CSM.

She and her co-leader, Michael Bowden, have multiple goals for their trip.

"We really want our participants to change their perception of typical Los Angeles," Kuennen said.

"Most of the time all people see is fame and fortune, but Michael and I really want to show the side of Los Angeles that gets 'forgotten' under all the wealth. Los Angeles has a ridiculously high poverty rate and we want to bring that to the forefront."

Another trip will be traveling to Denver, Colo., and working with a group called Denver Urban Ministries.

While in Denver, they plan on volunteering with some of the group's nonprofit partners.

They will be serving meals to the homeless, improving low-income housing and working with children whose families are in poverty.

A different trip will be going to a rural area in West Virginia. They will focus on community building by working with various local community and church groups in the area.

One of their main plans is to volunteer at the Gesundheit Institute where they will learn how having fun while community building can be therapeutic to people with health conditions.

A trip to Oregon will be focused on homelessness and education.

Students will be working with an organization called the Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) to feed, house and educate different communities in Oregon.

The final trip will be traveling out to North Carolina. They will be working with Habitat for Humanity to help build affordable housing in the community of Wilmington in order to reduce homelessness.

Second-year student Michael Slattery is looking forward to his first service trip.

"We've already had group meetings so I can tell the group is going to be really fun," he said. "I'm most looking forward to being able to make a direct difference in someone's life by building a home. We take homes for granted so often that we don't often think that some people don't have a roof over their head."

The group has a long drive out to North Carolina: an 18 hour trip without any additional stops.

"We're using Wartburg vans and if group members are over 21 they're able to drive on two-hour shifts, switching with other members of the group," Slattery said.

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Scholars Program: Senior Project Defenses

9-10 a.m.
Parents Reception (by invitation only)

10-11:15 a.m.
Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
LUNCH
Den-Rittersaal, Konditorei, Mensa, Zesty Orange

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Art: Senior Presentations
English: Capstone Presentations
German: German Film Presentations
Music: Opera Workshop

1-2:15 p.m.
Education: Exemplary Teaching Videos
English: Capstone Presentations
French: Research Paper and Project Presentations
Peace and Justice Studies: Theory and Practice in Peace and Justice Capstone Presentations

1:30-4:30 p.m.
Journalism and Communication: Senior Capstone Documentaries

2:30-3:45 p.m.
History: Capstone Historiographical Essay Presentations
Leadership Education: Capstone Portfolios Open House

4-6 p.m.
Athletics: Open Practices (baseball, golf, lacrosse, softball, tennis, track and field)
Music: Ensemble Open Rehearsals
3:50 p.m. Castle Singers, Wartburg Chapel
3:50 p.m. Symphonic Band, Bachman Fine Arts Center 100
4:50 p.m. Wind Ensemble, Bachman Fine Arts Center 100
4:50 p.m. Wartburg Choir, Wartburg Chapel

7-9 p.m.
Art: Senior Art Exhibition and Opening Reception, FAC Art Gallery
STEM
For a complete list of RICE Day events go to http://www.wartburg.edu/rice/

—Julia Ratekin/ *TRUMPET*

Softball sweeps home opener against Auggies

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The Wartburg softball team had a long two days, shutting out Augsburg in their home opener Friday, and then having their 13-game winning streak snapped by losing their first game of a doubleheader against Wis.-Stout, Saturday.

Wartburg hit their first game Friday against Augsburg with an 11-game winning streak, not having lost a game since March 4.

Augsburg didn't prove to be too much of a competitor for the Knights when their first game ended in five innings with Wartburg on top 9-0.

Wartburg started the game off strong, stranding two Auggies on base, and then smashing a two-run homer from Britt Schoon, scoring herself and Katie Sommer.

With two down in the second, Wartburg still managed to put two more runs on the board after Michaela Forsyth reached first on an error from the Augsburg shortstop.

Kristie Sommer singled allowing Forsyth to reach third. Another Augsburg error, this time from the second baseman, allowed Forsyth to score and Kristie Sommer to reach second. Katie Sommer singled, allowing Kristie Sommer to score, putting the Knights up 4-0.

The Knights stepped back to the plate in the third and scored five more. The first two came from RBI singles from Kirby Meyer and Katie Wyman.

The last three came from a three-run homer from Kristie Sommer, her first career home run.

"She's a good ball player and that is something that is great for her," Wartburg head coach LeighAnn LaFave said.

Those were the last runs of the game as the teams played until the top of the fifth and with no more runs scored, Wartburg won with a run rule.

Kimberly Wedeking pitched six innings in the Knights' second game against Augsburg, where they won 10-1. Wedeking struck out seven batters and is 6-3 on the season. —**Alyssa Noble**/*TRUMPET*

In the second game against Augsburg, the Knights had a quiet first inning, not scoring until the second when Wyman doubled, bringing in Meyer. Wyman then scored after Kristie Sommer doubled. This put the Knights up 2-0 after the second inning.

Augsburg scored in the third after Courtney Larson was walked and then reached home after her team moved her around the bases. This was the only Augsburg run in both games.

In the fourth, Wartburg scored after Erica Countryman was walked with the bases loaded, allowing Meyer to score.

The Knights put two more up in the fifth after Taylor Smola doubled and then Sarah Grabowski came in as a pinch runner for Smola. Wyman singled and reached second on the throw home as Grabowski scored.

Wyman scored after Forsyth doubled, putting the score at 5-1.

Wartburg scored five more in the bottom of the sixth.

A fielder's choice turned into a shortstop error allowing Katie Sommer to score and put Courtney Belk on first and Countryman on second. Schoon flied out to right field scoring Countryman and putting Belk on third. A Smola single scored Belk. Wyman singled, moving Smola to second. Finally, Forsyth doubled, scoring both Wyman and Smola.

The final score had Wartburg on top 10-1.

"I thought we did a very good job as team. It was a team effort all the way around," LaFave said.

LaFave believes that it was important to continue their team's momentum.

"Continuing our streak from this past weekend we wanted to make sure we continued to put the ball in play," LaFave said.

But more important to LaFave is solid softball.

"That's been our goal just executing fundamentals and it's starting to show," she said.

Wartburg then took on Wis.-Stout at Augustana, where Stout only scored in the second inning, putting four on the board with two outs.

Two singles, one from Nicole Rogers and the other from Shelby Weiske turned into a fielder's choice and an error allowing the two runners to score and put Karley Wiensch on third.

Liz Seipel was hit by a pitch, putting her on first. She then stole second. A double from Tori Workman scored the two runners on the bases. A strikeout ended the inning, but not before the damage was done and Stout was up 4-0.

Wartburg retaliated in the third. Both Forsyth and Kristie Sommer landed their bunts, earning them singles. Katie Sommer grounded out, advancing both runners. Belk came in and hit a two-RBI single to put cut the lead to 4-2.

Wartburg scored again in the fifth when Kristie Sommer singled and then Katie Sommer and Countryman laid down their bunts and both singled, putting Kristie Sommer on third, but Kristie was tagged out at home after Belk reached first on a fielder's choice.

Micah Chavez singled, scoring Katie Sommer. Smola grounded out to end in the inning.

That's where the score ended, with Stout up 4-3.

In the second game Stout went up by two in the third inning when Workman hit an RBI double to center field. Weiske singled and was tagged out at second, but not before Rachel Thomas scored.

Wartburg struck back, scoring two of their own off of two RBI singles, one from Countryman and the other from Smola, leaving the score at 2-2.

The game went into extra innings with no team scoring again until the top of the eighth, when Workman flied out to left field, allowing Lynzi Knudtson to score.

Needing to score one to keep the game going and two to win, the Knights put up one when Smola reached on fielder's choice, scoring Countryman and another when Meyer singled, bringing in Belk and winning the game for the Knights 4-3.

The Knights play Dubuque (8-10) at Dubuque Tuesday for a double header. The first game starts at 3 p.m.

Lacrosse loses to Augsburg at home

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The Wartburg lacrosse team lost at home to Augsburg on Friday afternoon, 13-3.

The Knights had a slow start in the game. Augsburg scored eight times in 19 shots in the first half while Wartburg still hadn't put a point on the board, attempting only two shots.

The Knights had 11 fouls in the first half and turned the ball over eight times.

"I thought it was a good game. The first half we weren't ourselves and the second half we found that we were able to play as a team and play our game that we've been practicing so hard on this season," Wartburg head coach Danielle Fiala said.

A seemingly different team emerged in the second half. The Knights took control from the start and scored an early goal from Kyra Saragaglia.

This was Saragaglia's fourth goal of the season, and her first since Wartburg played Lindenwood-Belleville on March 5, where Saragaglia scored three of the seven goals for Wartburg.

Wartburg fell back again after their initial surge.

Augsburg managed to score five more before Wartburg was able to put up another point.

The Knights' second goal came with 3:42 left in the game, when Niki Harrison landed her eighth goal of the season.

Wartburg kept at it, even though there was not much time on the clock and they were down 13-2.

Megan Howe, Wartburg's leading scorer, managed to nail a final goal with a second left on the clock to notch her 10th goal of the season and end the game 13-3.

Karolina Paulsen protected the net for the Knights. Paulsen had five saves in the game, all in the first half.

Friday's game marked the halfway point of the Knights' regular season.

The Knights are 1-7 on the season with eight games left.

"We're exactly where, if not better, than I thought we would be at at this point in the season," Fiala said. "It's kind of one of those things where you can't really go into the season expecting this, this and this when you don't know where we're going to end up and the personnel we're going to have and that has changed drastically this year and this season, but we've been doing a great job with what we have and moving forward."

Wartburg has a slight disadvantage, having to play teams that have more experience.

"We're playing a mixture of teams that have multiple years of experience, teams that have had a team for two years, three years, and some programs that have had club in the past and then transferred over to a program in the recent years, like Augsburg."

But Fiala doesn't think that experience is the only thing that comes into play on the field.

"I think the stick skills are the only thing that is noticeable, but sometimes stick skills get caught up in the fact that you need to have heart and you need to have good relentless energy like we had in the second half," Fiala said.

Sara Morrissey plays defense during Wartburg's 13-3 home loss against Augsburg Friday afternoon. —**Alyssa Noble**/*TRUMPET*

That energy is something that Wartburg lacrosse has repeatedly demonstrated.

"That's definitely something that we're enforcing and it's only bringing out the best in them and having their positive energy out there is what is really guiding our team to be a great team overall, and be this good culture that we're looking for," Fiala said.

THRICE IS NICE

Utley ties school record with three home runs in series clincher

Wartburg's Milton Croes (left) tips his hat to teammate DJ Utley (right) after a home run at Hertel Field on Saturday. —**Nathan Ford**/*TRUMPET*

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Opposing baseball teams are facing quite a dilemma against No. 18 Wartburg.

Take Saturday's doubleheader with Central, for example. The Dutch had to choose between pitching around slugger DJ Utley, or taking their shot at the 2014 Iowa Conference MVP.

They pitched to him. And lost.

Utley tied a school record by hitting three home runs in a game, an 11-8 series-clinching victory. His three-run shot in the first inning of the first game put Wartburg up for good in a 14-3 shellacking.

But Central kept pitching to him, and that's not surprising when you look at who was on deck. Milton Croes is hitting .357 with four homers, Blake Wilson .377 with six long balls.

Wartburg, as a team, leads the country with an average of 1.36 home runs per game (26 total).

"I've got guys behind me that are hitting like crazy, too," Utley said. "It's hard for anybody to throw around our team."

Utley doubled his home run total for the season in one day and surpassed last season's total of seven.

"It's always exciting when the wind is blowing out, but we always try to keep the same approach and do what we're told to do by Coach," Utley said. "Today just went well for me."

After splitting with Central on Friday and scoring just seven runs in two games, the Knights had an offensive explosion Saturday.

Tyler Willis and Ryan Kemp produced RBI singles in the third inning of game one, then Blake Wilson led off the fifth with his fifth home run in nine games. Chaz Boots and Kemp added RBI base hits to push the lead to 9-0.

Boots produced another RBI single in the sixth, Jackson Litterer scored on a wild pitch, then Jake Thumann joined the fun with a three-run homer to increase the lead to 14-0 and tie a season high for runs scored.

Central added three runs in the seventh, but it was far too little, too late. Max Langheinrich improved to 3-0 on the mound, pitching six shutout innings.

Wartburg led game two 9-2 after six innings before the Dutch made things interesting.

Central scored four runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to cut the lead to one, but Wartburg's power hitters effectively put the nail in the coffin in the next half-inning.

Utley and Croes hit back-to-back home runs off Mark Schoreder, who had largely been in control since entering the game in the fourth.

"Obviously we needed every bit of DJ's performance today," Wartburg head coach Joel Holst said.

Wartburg jumped all over a pitcher making his first career start in Austin Meyer. After two walks and a hit batter, Utley crushed a grand slam to center field. He added a leadoff homer in the sixth.

"Just offensively in general, from a team standpoint, after yesterday kind of struggling, it's nice to put some runs up on the board," Holst said.

Shane Chafa (4-0) got the win, going 6 1/3 innings and allowing six runs (five earned) on seven hits and two walks while striking out a pair. Gavin Nadermann picked up his fourth save by closing down the Dutch, who were led by Spencer Gritsch, Zach Zylstra and Adam Lindell with two RBI apiece.

Now at 17-2 and 7-1 in the conference, the Knights have a big week ahead, facing the two teams they're tied with in the IIAC loss column.

Wartburg hosts rival Luther on Tuesday night before traveling to conference favorite and 21st-ranked Buena Vista for a four-game set this weekend.

Schirm is a friendly face wearing unfriendly colors

Central coach Matt Schirm, a former Wartburg assistant, makes a call from the third base box at Hertel Field. —**Nathan Ford**/*TRUMPET*

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Red is not a friendly color around these parts.

But when Matt Schirm stepped onto Hertel Field on Friday sporting a red Central Dutch pullover, it was hard for Wartburg's baseball players to view him as the enemy.

"It was interesting being in the other dugout. Definitely not used to that," Schirm said.

Schirm is in his first season as head coach of the Dutch after spending the last four years as an assistant on Joel Holst's staff at Wartburg.

"Hard to see him go, but excited for him," Wartburg senior Jackson Litterer said.

"We hate red. Now that he's on the bad side, we don't want to give him any wins."

This is the first head-coaching job for Schirm, who played at Coe from 1998-2001. He credits Holst for helping him land the gig.

"He was instrumental in helping me get hired and he has been a great mentor to me for the last four years," Schirm said. "A lot of the stuff that I do in practice at Central comes from him. Learned a ton from him through the years."

No. 18 Wartburg took three of four from Central on the weekend series.

Both Holst and Schirm mentioned how enjoyable it was to compete against one another.

"It's fun coaching against him," Schirm said, "just like it was fun coaching with him."

"I told (Schirm) that red was one of my least favorite colors, though. He knows that," Holst said. "He's a good guy and you want good things for him.

"Except when he's playing against us."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday
Softball at Dubuque (DH), 3:30 p.m
Baseball vs. Luther (DH), 3:30 p.m.

Thursday
Softball vs. Platteville (DH), 4 p.m.
Wartburg OTF Select

Friday
Wartburg OTF Select
Lacrosse vs. Aurora, 3 p.m.
Baseball at BVU (DH), 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Tennis at Wis.-Eau Claire, 10 a.m.
Softball vs. Central (DH), 2 p.m.
Baseball at BVU (DH), 1 p.m.

FELTES COMPETES IN TEXAS

Wartburg thrower Colt Feltes tested his talent against Division I competition Saturday.

The Iowa Conference Field MVP and Division III All-American took 12th in a field of 16 Division I throwers at the Texas Relays.

Feltes had a throw of 56 feet, 1 1/4 inches.

IIAC BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Wartburg	7-1	17-2
Buena Vista	3-1	13-2
Luther	3-1	8-6
Loras	4-4	9-9
Coe	3-5	10-6
Simpson	2-6	4-13
Dubuque	1-3	6-10
Central	1-3	5-10

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

I came to Wartburg College as a shy

18-year-old who wanted to learn how to write about sports for a living.

Without a school newspaper at my high school, The Trumpet was my first opportunity to have my work published.

Never did I imagine that I would be the Sports Editor for three years here.

From blasting Kesha with coworkers during car rides across Iowa, to getting stuck in a parking garage at St. Thomas, to meeting the likes of Buster Olney at a conference in Nashville, I've made some amazing memories and learned a ton from being in student media.

People at that conference asked me if I would have rather attended a school like the University of Iowa, where I could have covered big-time Division I athletics.

The answer was, and still is, no.

Getting to cover athletes who are truly competing for the love of the game is something I'll cherish for the rest of my life.

I want to thank the coaches and athletes who have graciously given their time for interviews.

Thanks to the loyal readers as well, even if you simply know me as the guy who tweets about Wartburg athletics all the time.

Lastly, a massive thank you to my parents, Tom and Anita, for encouraging me to pursue my dreams. I couldn't ask for better support.

I've had my share of gas station meals, been so cold that I could barely talk and pulled countless all-nighters at the McElory Center. I wish I could have four more years.

Thanks for the four I got, Wartburg. It's been an amazing ride.

—*Nathan Ford, Sports Editor*